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Bureau of Land Management  
Eastern States Office  
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Washington, D.C. 20003

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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Re: Protest of the March 23, 2017 Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale, Wayne National Forest

Dear Director Mouritsen:

I hereby file this Protest of the Bureau of Land Management's ("BLM") planned March 2017 Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale and the programmatic Final Environmental Assessment for oil and gas leasing in the Wayne National Forest, Marietta Unit of the Athens Ranger District, Monroe, Noble, and Washington Counties, Ohio (DOI-BLM-Eastern States-0030-2016-0002-EA) ("EA"), pursuant to 43 C.F.R. § 3120.1-3. I formally protest the inclusion of each of the 21 parcels, covering 1,186 acres in the Wayne National Forest's Marietta Unit in Monroe County, Ohio:

Parcel #: ES-001-03/2017      BLM Serial #: OHES 058226 ACQ

Parcel #: ES-002-03/2017      BLM Serial #: OHES 058227 ACQ

Parcel #: ES-003-03/2017      BLM Serial #: OHES 058228 ACQ

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| Parcel #: ES-004-03/2017 | BLM Serial #: OHES 058229 ACQ |
| Parcel #: ES-005-03/2017 | BLM Serial #: OHES 058230 ACQ |
| Parcel #: ES-006-03/2017 | BLM Serial #: OHES 058231 ACQ |
| Parcel #: ES-007-03/2017 | BLM Serial #: OHES 058232 ACQ |
| Parcel #: ES-008-03/2017 | BLM Serial #: OHES 058233 ACQ |
| Parcel #: ES-009-03/2017 | BLM Serial #: OHES 058234 ACQ |
| Parcel #: ES-010-03/2017 | BLM Serial #: OHES 058235 ACQ |
| Parcel #: ES-011-03/2017 | BLM Serial #: OHES 058236 ACQ |
| Parcel #: ES-012-03/2017 | BLM Serial #: OHES 058237 ACQ |
| Parcel #: ES-015-03/2017 | BLM Serial #: OHES 058240 ACQ |
| Parcel #: ES-018-03/2017 | BLM Serial #: OHES 058243 ACQ |
| Parcel #: ES-020-03/2017 | BLM Serial #: OHES 058249 ACQ |
| Parcel #: ES-022-03/2017 | BLM Serial #: OHES 058251 ACQ |
| Parcel #: ES-023-03/2017 | BLM Serial #: OHES 058252 ACQ |
| Parcel #: ES-025-03/2017 | BLM Serial #: OHES 058254 ACQ |
| Parcel #: ES-026-03/2017 | BLM Serial #: OHES 058255 ACQ |
| Parcel #: ES-027-03/2017 | BLM Serial #: OHES 058256 ACQ |
| Parcel #: ES-028-03/2017 | BLM Serial #: OHES 058257 ACQ |

## PROTEST

### I. Protesting Party: Contact Information and Interests

This Protest is filed on behalf of Stassa Phillips :  
Address: 306 Washington St. Marietta, OH 45750

Comments:

I care greatly about this issue. Please rethink.

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## II. Statement of Reasons as to Why the Proposed Lease Sale Is Unlawful:

BLM's proposed decision to lease the parcels listed above is substantively and procedurally flawed for the reasons discussed below.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) violated the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) by not completing a full Environmental Impact Study (EIS) that would evaluate the effects of fracking within the WNF and surrounding areas. The BLM gave no consideration to the cumulative impact on air quality, water usage/ contamination, and climate change created by the increased fracking on private, and now additionally public land or the conflict with multiple use act. Also, the BLM filed an inadequate Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) based on an outdated Forest Plan from 2006 which did not seriously evaluate fracking, because it was not considered likely or viable at that time.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Anna Phillips". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A".

